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From the Directors Desk...

PNHZ Park wishes you all Happy New Year. It gives me great pleasure to present the last quarterly newsletter of this year. This quarter the park organised a bird watching camp on the occasion of World Wildlife Day, Republic Day was also celebrated by hoisting National Flag. Also this quarter have seen various skill development training workshops for the zoo staffs. Development work remain undone in this quarter.

I hope to share more with you in the next quarter.

**Director
PNHZ Park
Darjeeling**

NATALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Birth	No
1.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	02.01.2023	1:0:0
2.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	25.01.2023	1:0:0
3.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	31.01.2023	1:0:0
4.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	01.02.2023	0:1:0
5.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	02.02.2023	1:0:0

MORTALITY

SL.No	Name of Animals	Date of Death	No
1.	Grey Peacock Pheasant (<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>)	17.01.2023	1:0:0
2.	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	17.01.2023	1:0:0
3.	Grey Peacock Pheasant (<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>)	23.01.2023	0:1:0
4.	Blue Sheep (<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>)	27.01.2023	0:1:0
5.	Temminck's tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>)	27.01.2023	0:1:0
6.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	18.02.2023	0:1:0
7.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	24.02.2023	0:1:0
8.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	25.02.2023	1:0:0
9.	Kalij Pheasant (<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>)	19.03.2023	1:0:0
10.	Temminck's tragopan (<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>)	23.03.2023	0:1:0
11.	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	27.03.2023	1:0:0

Transfer of animals

Date	Animals	Ratio	Transfer to
12.01.2023	Himalayan Tahr (<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>)	1:0:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
12.01.2023	Mishmi Takin (<i>Budorcas taxicolor taxicolor</i>)	0:2:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
12.01.2023	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	2:2:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
12.01.2023	Himalayan Goral (<i>Nemorhaedus goral</i>)	2:2:0	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar
03.02.2023	Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens fulgens</i>)	0:1:0	Final release at Singalila National Park, Gairibans

19.02.2023	Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>)	2:2:0	Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewara International Zoological Park, Nagpur, Maharashtra
19.02.2023	Silver Pheasant (<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>)	2:2:0	Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewara International Zoological Park, Nagpur, Maharashtra
19.02.2023	Red Jungle Fowl (<i>Gallus gallus</i>)	2:2:0	Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewara International Zoological Park, Nagpur, Maharashtra

Educational visit



Fig: Education visit of NCC on 30.03.2023

Republic Day

The Park celebrated India's 74th Republic Day on 26.01.2023. All staff of the Park gathered outside the Director's residence at 9am for flag hoisting. The Director, Assistant director cum Veterinary officer, Assistant Curator cum Estate officer and Animal Supervisor addressed the staff of the Park. The celebration ended with distribution of sweets to the staff.



Staff Retirement

On 2nd March 2023, Shri. Deepak Roka, Assistant Animal Supervisor retired after 38 years of service. The park conducted a small farewell function to bid farewell and honour , Shri. Deepak Roka for his dedication and contribution towards animal welfare. The function was attended by all members of the staff including the Director, Dr. Basavaraj S. Holeyachi, IFS who along with other officials appreciated , Shri. Deepak Roka for his service and honoured him by presenting him with a gold ring. The program ended with a group photo of all the staffs followed by lunch.



World Wildlife Day Celebration

Every year March 3rd is celebrated as World Wildlife Day to raise the awareness of issues that impact wildlife. The theme of United Nations World Wildlife Day 2023 was 'Partnership for Wildlife Conservation' with the goal of honoring those who are making a difference in protecting the world's flora and fauna. On this occasion the park organised a bird watching activity around the zoo premises in collaboration with World Wide Fund for Nature(WWF), Darjeeling. The park invited young bird watching enthusiast from St. Joseph's College and zoo staffs. With the guidance of experts from WWF, the participants and zoo staffs were enriched and were able to spot 21 species of birds around the zoo premises.



Staff training in this quarter

Sl. No.	Name and designation of the zoo personnel	Subject matter of Training	Period of Training	Name of the Institution where the Training attended
1.	Miss. Ruma Mandal, Education Assistant, PNHZZP	Capacity enhancement workshop for Education Officers in Indian Zoos.	15 th to 17 th February, 2023	The Mumbai Zoo, Byculla, Mumbai.
2.	Mr. Sudan Chettri, Animal Keeper, PNHZZP	Capacity enhancement workshop for Zookeepers of the Eastern and North Eastern region.	20 th to 23 rd February, 2023	Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata
3.	Mr. Bedan Chettri, Library Assistant, PNHZZP	Skill development training workshop for scientific staffs of West Bengal Zoos.	17 th to 18 th March, 2023	Zoological Garden, Alipore, Kolkata
4.	Miss. Pranita Gupta, Zoo Biologist, PNHZZP	Capacity Enhancement Workshop for Zoo Biologists.	21 st to 23 rd March, 2023	Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Jamnagar



Fig: Capacity enhancement workshop for Zoo Biologists



Fig: Capacity enhancement workshop for Zookeepers



Fig: Capacity enhancement workshop for Education Officers



Fig: Capacity enhancement workshop for Education Officers

Taxidermy work done in this quarter

- List of Specimen:

Sl. No.	Name Of Specimen	Date of Collection	Accession No.	Remarks
1	Grey Peacock Pheasant	19.01.2023	BNHM/PH/151	Skinned, Tanned, mounted, and put up for display in BNHM
2	Large Indian Civet	27.02.2023	BNHM/M/213	Skinned, Tanned and under mounting process

- Clouded Leopard, Accession no. BNHM/M/71 was put up for display on Tree Ecosystem at Bengal Natural History Museum.
- Barking Deer, Accession no. BNHM/M/202 was put up for display on Tree Ecosystem at Bengal Natural History Museum.

Enrichment in this quarter



Fig: Building of new enrichments for Red Panda enclosures at CBC and zoo